

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER | WINTER 2022



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We believe that following Jesus is best done with other people. Through the ups and downs we have experienced in the last 2 years of pandemic, these friendships have become more important than ever, and we want every adult at Hillcrest to find themselves in meaningful, Christ-centered relationships. Small groups are one way we practice this at Hillcrest.

A small group is simply a group of 8 - 18 people that you intentionally do life with, talk about Jesus with, and serve alongside. Most groups meet every week or every other week for a couple hours to share life, study Scripture, and pray. Sign ups are in September and February. When the next sign up time comes around, you are welcome to step away for a season or try another group.

In this catalog you will find three different sections:

- The first section is ongoing small groups. These are our core small groups that meet throughout the year.
- The second section is short term groups. These groups get together for a limited time to study a particular topic.
- The third section is other ways to get connected. Check this out for youth and college ministry, and other places to belong at Hillcrest.

If you are interested in trying a group out, take a look through this catalog. And please be in touch! We would love to help you in your search for community at Hillcrest. May you find a life-giving small group this winter!

Sincerely,



Tim Knipp and Alex Allyne



HOW TO GET CONNECTED WITH A SMALL GROUP

1

Look through the groups in the catalog.
Find one or more you would like to check out.

2

Click the “Register” link to let the group’s leaders
know you want to learn more - you’ll just need to
enter your name and email address.

3

After signing up the **leader will contact you**
- visit a few times and see if it’s the right group for you!

*People have lots of different levels of comfort when it comes to meeting in person right now. We have groups that meet inside, outside, and online. Feel free to ask the leader how they are currently meeting. **If you would like some help finding a group, or if you have any questions at all, email our Small Groups Coordinator at: SmallGroups@HCBellingham.com***



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SUNDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Dan Herndon

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Men

DESCRIPTION: This is a men's Bible Study that will focus on studying and applying God's Word to support one another in our walk with Christ. This winter/spring we will be going through Colossians together. We'll meet Sunday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Love to have you join us!

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TUESDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Jim and Laura Carney

AREA OF TOWN: East Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of mostly older married couples with grown children, and singles. We meet Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. We have been outside in person during the summer or over Zoom, checking in with each other, and often discussing topics from Sunday sermons. We spend time encouraging one another in our journey of faith and praying for each other's needs and families. Outside of our weekly meetings we sometimes meet to do outdoor activities. We have adopted campus missionaries to Skagit Valley CC and often pray and support them as well.

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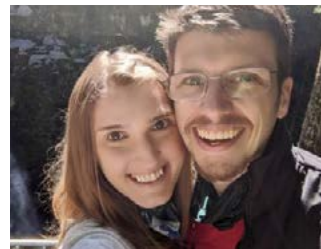


LEADER: Will and Cathaleen Hansen

AREA OF TOWN: Skagit **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are a group that meets in the Skagit Valley. We are open to singles, couples, young and old! We'll have great conversations about Jesus and share good food together.

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TUESDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Kris Peterson

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Women

DESCRIPTION: We are a Women's Book Club...a group of women reading and having insightful discussion about inspirational books. We are currently meeting at 5:30pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, but we tend to be very flexible to accommodate changing schedules. We communicate between meetings by texting sharing prayer requests and inspirational quotes.

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LEADER: Jason and Toni Sims

AREA OF TOWN: East Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Our group meets Tuesday's 7:00pm-8:30pm, twice a month. We are a group of couples/singles mid-30's to 60's. We enjoy sharing life together: praying for each other, growing in our faith and eating together. We follow and discuss the sermon series.

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WEDNESDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Hannah Halstead and Michael Krantz

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20's

DESCRIPTION: An evening small group for recent college graduates to help the transition into a post-college life pursuing God in the working world.

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LEADER: David Knebel

AREA OF TOWN: Central Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 40's - 50's Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of middle aged men meeting every other Wednesday evening. We are currently studying the books of Daniel and the minor prophets, and we share and pray about following Christ in our marriage, family and work.

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WEDNESDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Corrie Mick

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's Women

DESCRIPTION: I am a firm believer in the need to read the Bible, but also to read the Bible where you're excited to read the Bible. I recently wove my way through Paul's letters which eventually led me to, now don't get scared off by this, Numbers. I was put in awe of the Holy Spirit throughout the book, and how Moses dreamt of the day when all could have the Holy Spirit upon them as he did; he dreamt of what we have today! I invite you to join me delving into this study of [Numbers](#) full of depth, and beauty, and implications for the rest of the Bible and our lives.

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LEADER: Tyler and Kirsten Van Wingerden

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of 20 and 30 somethings, couples, singles and young families, who meet every week for a meal and fellowship. One member describes our group as "We love to eat cookies and talk about Jesus!" If you like doing one or both of these things, we would love to have you!

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THURSDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Men's Prayer Group

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a men's prayer group focused on Hillcrest & community related prayer needs that meets Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30am. We currently have 2 groups, one meeting in person at the church and the other meeting on Zoom. If you prefer to join the Zoom group you can sign up and the leader will send you a link to you can participate via Zoom. If you'd like to join the in person group, just show up at 6:30 Thursday morning!

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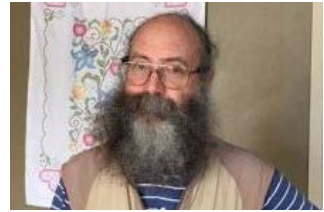
THURSDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Guy Frederick

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of men that meets 6:30-8:30pm. We will meet at Hillcrest Church at the Modular as we are able.

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LEADER: Russ and Mary Nuckolls

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are a multi-generational group of couples and singles that meets every other Thursday evening to share life, discuss the sermon questions, and pray for one another.

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FRIDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Bill Akers

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of men in our 20s to 80s that meet Fridays between 6:00-7:30am at the Barkley Woods (near the movie theater). We discuss our lives and current cultural challenges and how the Word speaks to them and informs us. Register and the leader will connect with you ASAP.

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LEADER: Jan Tucker

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Join us as we spend time in the Old Testament, the books of Romans and Hebrews, to study the Jewish faith and feasts and grow in our understanding of how they all point to Jesus. Once a month we will break bread together by having dinner as well. Come study the Holy Scriptures and prepare for the Sabbath rest by celebrating a Christian Messianic version of Shabbat with us on Friday nights at 6:30pm.

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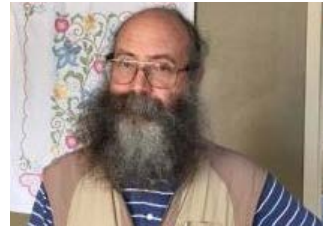
SATURDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Guy Frederick

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Our Saturday prayer group will meet at 10:00am at the modular building at Hillcrest Church. We begin with a time of table fellowship. We then move to a time of reading and praying from scripture. All are welcome to join us.

[REGISTER](#)



LEADER: Angie Zehnder

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Women

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of women that meet every other Saturday morning in various homes from 8:15-10:00am for prayer and accountability.

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SHORT TERM GROUPS



The Multiethnic Kingdom of God – Sermon Discussion Group

LEADER: Paul Chen, Katie and Graham Essex, and Paul Petersen

WHEN: Going on now Sunday Mornings

WHERE: The Commons at Hillcrest

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: This group is currently meeting on Sundays at 10:30am each week to discuss the Multiethnic Kingdom of God sermon series. Our goal is to provide a forum to immediately apply each Sunday's sermon, through humble listening and discussion. Click the "Register" button to connect with a leader to learn more, or drop-in to "the Commons" meeting space after first service on any Sunday to join in.

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SHORT TERM GROUPS



The Multiethnic Kingdom of God – Sermon Discussion Zoom Group

LEADER: Jake and Megan Mailhot

WHEN: Going on now Sunday Evenings

WHERE: Zoom

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: How do we practically live out the values of the Multiethnic Kingdom of God? This group is meeting on Sundays at 7:30pm each week to discuss the current sermon series. We would love to have you join us. Click the “Register” button to sign-up and the zoom link will be sent to you.

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Next Steps

LEADER: Pastor Kathy Hill

WHEN: Sunday

WHERE: Fireside Room at Hillcrest

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Are you new? This group is for you! A four-week small group to introduce you to the purpose, history and vision for the future of Hillcrest Church. You'll meet the staff, hear about the programs offered, reasons behind what we do, why we worship, and you'll meet other new people. The group will meet from 12:30-1:30pm for four weeks, starting Sunday, February 27.

[EMAIL](#) to learn more or sign up!

SHORT TERM GROUPS



Prayer and Parenting

LEADER: Kristi Knipp

WHEN: Tuesday Morning

WHERE: The Commons at Hillcrest

LIFESTAGE: Adult Women

DESCRIPTION: All women are warmly welcomed to join this four week focused time of praying for the kids in our lives, hosted by the Hillcrest Moms Group. Aunties, Grandmas, caregivers are welcome too! We will be taking time to listen, journal and pray for the ones we love. We will meet Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00am at Hillcrest and childcare is provided with RSVP. The meeting dates are February 8, February 22, March 8 and March 22. For more about Moms Group, find us on Facebook: Hillcrest Moms Group or contact Kristi:

kristiknipp@gmail.com.

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Discernment and Decision Making using the model of Ignatian Spiritual Disciplines

LEADER: John and Christa Shaw

WHEN: Tuesday Evening

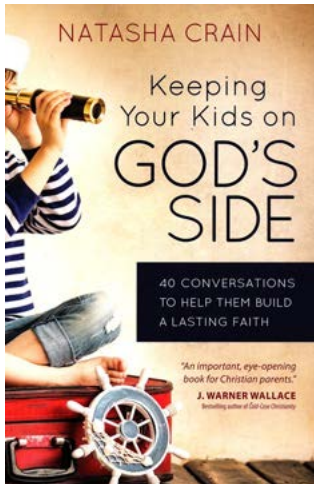
WHERE: At Hillcrest

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: St. Ignatius of Loyola designed a practice of spiritual exercises that form a basis for sifting our motives and coming to clarity, discerning pathways to live and become lifelong friends of God. Join John and Christa Shaw in this short term small group to explore together some of these spiritual exercises and engage in discernment and decision-making. This group will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays at 7:00pm starting on February 22.

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LEADER: Janel Erchinger-Davis and Sara Jentz

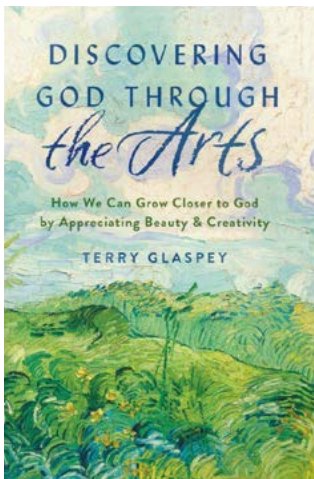
WHEN: Sunday Evening

WHERE: Large Conference Room at Hillcrest

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Starts Sunday February 27. For six sweet weeks, we'll be studying how to answer the hard questions of our faith in this cultural moment. We'll be using Natasha Crain's popular reference guide *Keeping Your Kids on God's Side*. We will not only be delving into WHAT to say, but HOW to enter into these complex conversations. Come with your questions, ready to discuss, and pray for the children in your lives. Everyone is welcome: parents, grandparents, aunts, teachers, and anyone who has people in their lives who are asking the hard questions about faith. We meet during 412 Youth Group from 6:00-7:30pm, so that is a perfect time to drop off your kids and drop-in for some learning and support. Starts Sunday, February 27.

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Discovering God Through the Arts

LEADER: Mary Margaret Brotherton

WHEN: Monday Evening

WHERE: The Commons at Hillcrest

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Join us for a 6-week discussion about how engaging with the arts complement and enrich our walk with God. We will read "Discovering God Through the Arts," by Terry Glaspey together. A background in art is not needed to participate! Beauty and creativity is for every person. Beginning March 7, we will meet Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at Hillcrest for six weeks (minus April 4).

[REGISTER](#)

SHORT TERM GROUPS



Leader Lab

LEADER: Pastor Christian Lindbeck and Jen Lindbeck

WHEN: Monday Evenings beginning in April

LIFESTAGE: Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: *A unique opportunity for anyone considering leading a small group. Small groups are at the heart of how we do life together at Hillcrest, and this ministry would not be possible without the group leaders who gather people each week in Jesus-centered relationships. Later this Spring, our Lead Pastor Christian and his wife Jen will be leading a short-term group for those interested in small group leadership, to talk about what it actually looks and feels like to lead a healthy, fun small group.*

DETAILS: This group will meet Monday evenings beginning in April, and a shared meal will be a key part of the time together. Sign-up to learn more about small group leadership or participating in this short term group.

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The Pre-Engagement Course

DESCRIPTION: The Pre-Engagement program at Hillcrest is for couples at a time in their relationship when they are starting to ask tough and important questions about their future together. Through readings, exercises, and discussions with their partner in a group setting led by a guiding couple, Pre-E seeks to engage, challenge, and encourage couples to seek God's wisdom and guidance for their relationship. This 10 week course covers many aspects of marriage, including communication, family background, sexual intimacy, and money in a fun and safe environment. In Pre-E, guiding couples prayerfully share their own lives, ask questions, and give their best advice to foster God-focused relationships moving towards marriage.

DETAILS: The Pre-E program runs each quarter in small groups of 2-3 couples. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Andy at andy@brim.org or Anna at acbrim@gmail.com.



412 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

We have small groups for both middle and high school students, and we really encourage students to connect into these groups! Our small groups meet during the week, and these times are scheduled by the students and leaders in the first few weeks of September. We know that meeting in person does not always work for families in this season, so students are still able to join remotely. Our small groups aim to have fun, build authentic relationships, study the Bible and have deep conversations.

EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION:

High School/Pastor Dan at: Dan.P@HCBellingham.com

Middle School/Pastor Hannah at: Hannah.D@HCBellingham.com



CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

Campus Christian Fellowship, the college ministry partnered with Hillcrest, offers small groups for men and women at Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College, and Skagit Valley College.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

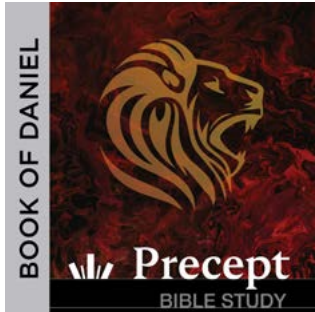
WWU: ccfministry.com

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OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT



PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY: Daniel Part 1, Chapters 1-6

WHEN: Two groups are available meeting:

- Monday nights 6:30-8:45pm
(In-person at Hillcrest & over Zoom), 1/10-4/27
- Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:30am
(In-person at Hillcrest only), 1/12-4/25

WHERE: In person at Hillcrest and over Zoom

DESCRIPTION: Through Daniel's inspiring example we can learn how to live out a biblical worldview even when it's not the norm. Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle in Babylon. His worldview had God at the center, and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change.

DETAILS: In-person classes have limited space due to Covid considerations. Zoomers join the in-person evening class via a big screen and can participate in the 1-hour discussion, which will be followed by a video teaching. Once registered, participants can order their own workbook at a cost of \$18 plus tax and shipping.

REGISTER: email the church office at bev.d@hcbellingham.com



HILLCREST CREATES

WHEN: Monthly on a Saturday Morning 9:00am to noon

DESCRIPTION: A monthly art gathering where you bring your current art project and create in community. Any medium, any age, and any skill level are welcome to attend! Please feel free to invite any friends. Kids age 12 and under must have an adult with them. Stay for as little or as long as you wish. We begin with a brief devotional; coffee and light snacks are provided.

DETAILS: Save the date for these upcoming Hillcrest Creates; March 26th, April 30, May 21.

CONTACT: [Mary Margaret Brotherton](mailto:MaryMargaretBrotherton@hcbellingham.com) for more information.

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